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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on May 30, 2003 and July 12, 2002, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a Notice of Reasons for Rejection (together with an English language translation of the same) that was mailed on July 6, 2004, with respect to patent family member Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2000-351911, in which the following documents were cited:

"Easy Communication is All the Rage. Go with Instant Message!", Internet Magazine, IMPRESS CORP., No. 58, pp. 206-221, November 1, 1999;

ASAKAWA. S, "New Business Style Created by Sametime, Searching for Real-time Collaboration", Lotus Notes Magazine, Japan, Softbank Publishing Inc., Vol. 32, pp. 44-56; June 13, 1999, and

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/68864 published on November 16, 2000.

The relevance of each document, as ascertained by the Japanese Examiner applying Japanese rules to the Japanese claims are set forth in the Notice of Reasons for Rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the Notice of Reasons for Rejection and its English language translation are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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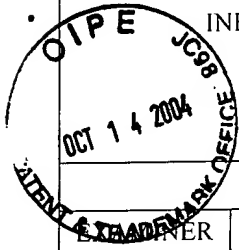
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